

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 588 - SB 693

February 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes persons serving as fundraising counsel for a charitable organization from the purview of the Secretary of State, Division of Charitable Solicitations (DOCS).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$25,000/Division of Charitable Solicitations

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-101-507(b), persons serving as fundraising counsel must register annually with the DOCS.
- A registration fee of \$100 is due by December 31st annually and late registrants are assessed a fee of \$25 per month.
- According to information provided by the DOCS, in FY15-16, 244 persons registered as fundraising counsel and there were 42 instances where late fees were assessed.
- The number of persons registering as fundraising counsel remains steady year to year; however, the number of instances where a late fee would be assessed would vary.
- It is reasonably estimated that 10 percent of registrations will be assessed a one-month late fee every year.
- The proposed language will result in a recurring decrease in state revenue to the DOCS estimated to be \$25,010 [(244 registrants x \$100 registration fee) + (244 registrations x 10.0% filing late x \$25 for one month late fee)].

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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